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DECLARATION OF JEFFREY L. ARMSTRONG UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

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Sir:

I, Jeffrey L. Armstrong, do hereby declare:

1. That I am a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the present application, and that I, along with the other named inventors (hereinafter, "the inventors"), conceived and reduced to practice the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application (U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 10/617,536).

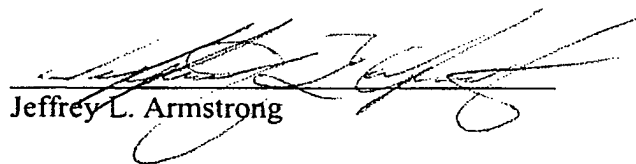
2. That this Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is being filed in furtherance of prosecution of the present application to antedate U.S. Patent No. 6,648,160 invented by Hotch and filed on July 17, 2001.

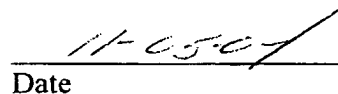
3. That Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of an Engineering Work Order Request, Work Order # 5641100B, submitted by the inventors on or before April 10, 2001.

4. That the documentation submitted with Work Order #5641100B included one or more solid models of the claimed invention, and that the solid model images labeled Exhibits B-G are true and accurate representations of the engineering drawings provided with the aforementioned Work Order #5641100B.

5. That, as evidenced by Exhibits A-G, the inventors conceived of the invention and reduced the invention to practice at least as early as July 16, 2001.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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